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Applicants properly established small entity status at the time this patent application was filed. The small entity status recently changed, but prior to payment of the issue fee on January 30, 2006. Through error and without any deceptive intent, applicants did not timely notify the Patent Office of this change in status, and hereby request that this error be excused pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c).

Pursuant to Rule 28(c), the following submission is being made for the abovereferenced application.

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is believed that the correct fee that should have been authorized was \$1,400, and consequently, the deficiency is the sum of \$700. Applicants hereby authorize the Patent Office to charge this deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, and further to credit or debit the deposit account for any other deficiency in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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